

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 16 without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14. (withdrawn)

Claim 15. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

a) an endorepellin protein, wherein said endorepellin consists of amino acid residues 3687 to 4391 of perlecan, its fragments or derivatives, or analogs thereof; and

b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claim 16. (cancelled)

Claim 17. (new): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 15, wherein said endorepellin fragment is selected from the group consisting of a fragment consisting of amino acid residues 3687 to 4181 of perlecan and a fragment consisting of amino acid residues 3927 to 4181 of perlecan.